

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 660  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Mike Mansfield and the Huntingdon High School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I, Class 2A Championship at the 2003 BlueCross Bowl.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize those exceptional athletic teams that produce a breakout season through hard work, making necessary sacrifices, and winning championships, thereby serving as a focal point for school spirit and as ambassadors to and for the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Huntingdon High School football team, which won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I, Class 2A State Championship at the BlueCross Bowl at Floyd Stadium on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, is unquestionably one such exceptional squad; and

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon High Mustangs combined their experience and outstanding talent with an unquenchable determination to win in addressing a tough regular season schedule; their campaign included six immediate victories over the teams of Bruceton, Adamsville, Lexington, Chester County, Westview, and Camden. A loss to a stubborn Milan squad produced the only blemish, but the Mustangs regrouped and finished the regular season with wins over Riverside, Union City, and McKenzie; and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs achieved their remarkable success by utilizing an extraordinary combination of a powerful and overwhelming offense and a swarming defense, to go along with their unquestionable heart, determination, and their desire to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon High Mustangs faced and decisively defeated a tough Harpeth High School team 60-12 in the first round of the TSSAA playoffs, shut out Chester

County 47-0 in the second round, beat Lewis County 35-6 in the quarterfinals, and in their toughest contest, redeemed their only loss by setting Milan down by a score of 34-29; and

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon Mustangs now faced the 2002 Division I Class 2A Champions, the David Lipscomb Mustangs in the BlueCross Bowl and, drawing deep within themselves, went on to defeat the Lipscomb team by the score of 48-13 at Floyd Stadium in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon offense for the year scored 633 points or an average of 45.2 points per game while the defense allowed only 160 points or an average of 11.4 per game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Mansfield and the Huntingdon staff, Jimmy Prichard, Eric Swenson, Robbie Miller, Rick Wallace, and Alan Eubanks did an exceptional job of preparing and molding this team into championship caliber; Managers Greg Williams, Timothy Park, Casey Hutcherson, Logan King, and Luke Sykes; and Ballboys Charles Peery, Ben Lott, Jess Dill, and Trevor Cloar also contributed, along with the unfailing support of Principal and Athletic Director W. Steven Peery, the student body, and the team supporters in the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Huntingdon High School Mustangs football roster includes Terry McClerkin, Adam Parish, Eric Woods, Cody Baker, Hunter Hastings, Jerry McClerkin, Derick Staten, Andrew Maddox, Cody Crocker, Chris Donald, Terrance Bell, Kenneth Porter, Phillip Weathers, Kenny Rich, Jorge Perez, Colton Dill, Marcus Beal, Josh Noles, Kory Geans, Kegan Ball, Stephen Wright, Kenneth Hillsman, Jeff Simpson, Desmond Townes, Scott Hampton, Luvanda Williams, Mark Newsome, DeAngelo Sherrill, Jason Norman, Drew Kelley, Terry Wallace, Tyler Milam, Adam Carter, Mark Bolen, Logan Sellers, Cedric Harris, Karl Butler, Gordon Byars, Matt Spellings, Maurice Williams, Drew Smith, Trevor Sanders, Aaron Williams, Brandon McCormick, Randy Miller, Cliff Bush, Mitcheal Horton, Marty Shands, Nathan Wallace, Cale Belew, Ben Williams, Brian Nellett, E.J. Mann, Alex Hamilton, Brent Taylor, Michael King, Anthony Nellett, Braden Maddox, and Will White; and

WHEREAS, representative of their championship team and its winning ways, Senior Terrance Bell was named the BlueCross Bowl offensive Most Valuable Player for his three touchdowns, including a 62-yard breakaway sprint in the championship game, and Brian Nellett, a Senior who forced a fumble on the second play of the game, leading to the Mustang's first

touchdown, and continually disrupted the Lipscomb offense, won the BlueCross Bowl defensive MVP honor; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend a truly championship caliber team that has brought great honor to it's school and to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body joins the school's administration, faculty, students, and the Huntingdon community to congratulate and applaud Coach Mike Mansfield and the Huntingdon High School football team on winning the 2003 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I, Class 2A Championship at the BlueCross Bowl and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.